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TO: USCINCEUR PARIS FRANCE

INFO: USAMBASSADOR BONN GERMANY, CGUSCOB BERLIN GERMANY,
USMLM BERLIN GERMANY, CINCUSAFE WIESBADEN GERMANY,
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1. References:

- A. Berlin cable to Bonn (284), Dept (331)dtd 14 Nov 58. (NOTAL)
B. USCOB cable to CINCUSAREUR, 150035Z NOV 58.
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2. At 1200 hours this date CINCUSAREUR instructed Colonel Vlasov, Acting Chief, Soviet Military Liaison Mission to transmit the following letter to General Zakharov, CFNC GSFG:

"Dear General Zakharov:

"The action of Soviet military personnel in denying clearance to three United States military vehicles at the Babelsburg checkpoint yesterday on the illegal basis of a demand for inspection constitutes a shocking interference with mutually agreed rights exercised by the United States Forces. This illegal action was compounded by further willful harassment in the illegal detention of personnel and vehicles for a period of approximately eight hours.

"The vehicles involved carried documentation which has been mutually agreed by Soviet and Allied Forces as acceptable. This headquarters has not in the past and will not now agree to inspection by Soviet Forces or anyone else of United States Military vehicles exercising their long established right of movement on the Helmstedt-Berlin autobahn. This is a right and not a privilege as I told you in my office in Heidelberg.

"I demand that immediate steps be taken to insure that all Soviet checkpoint personnel be instructed to clear properly documented military vehicles without inspection, and further

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that there be no more detentions of any length. I expect your prompt assurance that the necessary action has been taken to preclude similar re-occurrences."

ACTION: 3. D Letter of protest received by Vlasov without comment.

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